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SUBJECT: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS

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1. FNAL COMMUNIQUE DATED LINED MBANZA-KONGO (ANGOLA) AND CARRIED BY  
OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) JANUARY 21 DENIED RUMORS THAT  
SAN ANTONIO DO ZAIRE TAKEN BY CUBANS.

STATED THAT SAN ANTONIO IS ENTIRELY UNDER CONTROL OF FNLA, WHICH  
BLOCKED ADVANCE OF CUBAN INVADERS UNFAMILIAR WITH TERRIAN.

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2. EDITORIAL IN JANUARY 21 AZAP COMMENTING ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S

TRIP TO MOSCOW, STATED DETENTE FOR SUPERPOWERS MEANS SIMPLY AVOIDING  
FACING ONE ANOTHER ON THE BATTLEFIELD. HOW OTHERWISE INTERPRET  
DETENTE, ASKS AZAP, WHEN SOVIET UNION CONTINUED TO SUPPLY  
SOPHISTICATED WEAPONS TO NETO. INSISTED  
THAT MASSACRES PERPETRATED BY SOVIETS/CUBANS IN ANGOLA  
CONSTITUTE SERIOUS THREAT TO WORLD PEACE. THIS, SHOULD BE DISCUSSED  
ALONG WITH SALT. EDITORIAL HAILED STATEMENT BY BRITISH CONSERVATIVE  
LEADER MARGARET THATCHER RE. SOVIET INTENTIONS IN ANGOLA, AND  
IMPLICATIONS FOR DETENTE.  
SAID THAT, DESPITE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF THEIR ARMAMENT,  
SOVIETS/CUBANS ARE MEETING FIERCE RESISTANCE BY MAJORITY OF THE  
ANGOLA POPULATION. CITED EXAMPLE OF LUSO, WHERE UNITA-FNLA FORCES  
REPORTEDLY REPULSED RECENT ARMORED OFFENSIVE BY CUBANS.

3. GOVERNMENT-SUPPORTED KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA JANUARY 21 CARRIED  
EDITORIAL DISCUSSING PRESIDENT FORD'S STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE,  
NOTED STATEMENT OF INTENT TO PURSUE DETENTE WITH USSR. OPINED THAT  
MODERATE TONE STEMMED FROM CARE TO AVOID UPSETTING MOSCOW TALKS.  
NOTED THAT ANGOLA QUESTION, ALONG WITH SALT, WOULD BE DISCUSSED. LAID  
SQUARELY ON MOSCOW RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE OF ADDIS SUMMIT, AND  
FOR WEAKENING AFRICAN UNIT. SAID THAT, WHILE SECRETARY KISSINGER  
TALKS WITH SOVIETS, IT IS IMPORTANT TO DRAW WORLD ATTENTION TO THE  
DANGER WHICH SOVIET AGGRESSION IN ANGOLA HAS BROUGHT TO AFRICA.  
POINTED OUT THAT, FOLLOWING OAU MEETING AT ADDIS, SOVIET MASSIVE  
DELIVERY OF ARMS AND  
CUBAN TROOPS SHOWED IRREVERSIBLE CHARACTER OF KREMLIN'S INTENTIONS  
IN ANGOLA. HAVING "BOUGHT" A GOOD NUMBER OF AFRICAN LEADERS, MOSCOW  
FOUND ITSELF FACED WITH FIERCE RESISTANCE OF ZAIRIAN PEOPLE, WHO ARE  
DETERMINED TO PRESERVE THE AUTHENTICITY OF AFRICA AND TO PROMOTE A  
POLITICAL SOLUTION IN ANGOLA. PERCEIVING ZAIRE AS THE CHIEF OBSTACLE  
TO ITS DESIGNS, KREMLIN IS NOW FOCUSING ALL ITS ATTENTION THERE. AFTER

REPEATED PROPAGANDA ATTACKS, ARMED SOVIET AGGRESSION HIT DILOLO. NOW  
MOSCOW HAS RECOURSE TO BLACKMAIL, INTIMIDATION AND WAR OF NERVES. BUT,  
IN GIZENGA, THEY CHOSE A POOR PAWN. THIS "STINKING CORPSE" HAS  
LONG SINCE BEEN BURIED BY THE ZAIRIAN PEOPLE. BUT INTERNATIONAL  
OPINION HAS BEEN ALERTED. MOSCOW IS AIMING AT MORE THAN JUST ANGOLA.  
ITS INTENTIONS CONCERNING ZAIRE, WHICH IT HAS LONG COVETED, ARE  
NOW BECOMING CLEAR. EDITORIAL CONCLUDED WITH FOLLOWING WARNING:  
"WE HAVE NO DOUBT OF OUR ABILITY TO WIN. NEVERTHELESS, THE WORLD  
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WOULD BE WRONG TO REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO AGGRESSION BY THE SOVIET  
UNION IN AFRICA. FOR MOSCOW DETENTE HAS ENDED".

4. COMMENT: EDITORIALS LIKE THOSE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, SERIOUSLY  
QUESTION VALUE OF DETENTE IN WAKE OF SOVIET INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA.  
IMPLICIT IN WARNINGS TO USG NOT TO BE NAIVE IS INDIRECT APPEAL FOR  
US ASSISTANCE IN MEETING COMMON FOE I.E. SOVIETS. THIS IS IN SHARP  
CONTRAST WITH BULA STATEMENT (REFTEL) THAT CONFLICT IN ANGOLA SHOULD

NOT BE INTERNATIONALIZED.

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